

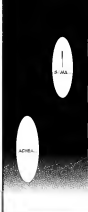
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Vapel Bi ji ~ Twigs Bound By Leaves



ACHEA-
SAMA

UHH...



ACHEA...



WHAT
ABOUT
KAMEL
BICH...

THE
THE
HURRY-
CAREY



ARE YOU
ALRIGHT,
ACHEA-
SAMA?

PRINCESS?



THE
HURRICANE
PASSED
OVER,

DESTROYING
EVERY-
THING
IN ITS
PATH...

EVEN YAKU,
THE SYMBOLIC TREE,
NOW LOOKS
LIKE THIS...



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IT'S WEIRD...



DURING
THE RITUAL
IN KASHEA
IDE.

I FELT HOT
ALL OVER
AS IF MY
BLOOD WAS
BOILING.



N-NO, I
DON'T THINK
IT'S YOUR
FAULT,
PRINCESS.

OOPS...
DID I SAY
SOMETHING
WRONG?



SO IF WE
DON'T KNOW
WHAT CAUSED THE
CEREMONY TO FAIL,
SHOULDN'T WE
GET OUT OF
HERE FAST?

GETTING
SLAYED
WOULD
BE BAD.



BUT
THIS
TIME.

I DIDN'T
FEEL
ANYTHING...



DON'T
GET
COCKY

WHAT CAN
ONE LITTLE
GIRL DO?

ALL YOU'RE
GOOD FOR IS
PERFORMING
THESE RITUALS,
RIGHT?



THERE'S
NOTHING
ELSE I
CAN DO...

BUT I
HAVE TO
TAKE OVER
FATHER'S
JOB...



BUT
STILL,
I'M...



HEY YOU!
I HAD THE SAME
THOUGHT, BUT AT
LEAST I DIDN'T
MENTION IT
OUT LOUD!

H-H-H-HOW
DARE
YOU...!

MEH-
DOH!!



—
THAT'S RIGHT.



YOUR
MAJESTY...

FOR THIS
COUNTRY.

THERE'S
NOTHING
YOU CAN
DO



HEH...

SAFE...



SAFE
AS
WELL

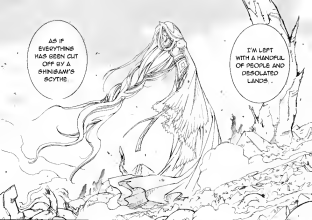
SO
YOU'RE



ALL WE'LL
GET ARE
DIRTY
LOOKS?

WER-
DONO!

SO WHEN
YOU HAVE NO
MORE USE
FOR US,
WE CAN GO!





DIDN'T
YOU FEEL
SOMETHING
BAD DURING
THE RITUAL...?



SHE SHOWED
IT DURING HER
FIGHT WITH
THAT GUS.

THE
FORMIDABLE
POWER THAT
RESTS INSIDE
OF ACHÉA.

THIS
MYSTERIOUS
OMINOUS
FEELING...



MAYBE THIS
WAS JUST THE
UNAVOIDABLE
FATE OF MY
COUNTRY.

I CANNOT
ANSWER
THAT.



IN THE
MIDDLE OF
HER PURITY
LIES A GRAIN
OF SHADOW...





ALTHOUGH

IT ISN'T
OVER YET.





IN ORDER
TO STAND UP
TO FATE FROM
HERE ON.

TO LIGHT
THE WAY TO
CONTINUE
AND GO ON.



A SEED?



MY PRECIOUS
FRIEND
ENTRUSTED
ME WITH THIS.

THE FUTURE
OF MY COUNTRY...

HOPE.



JUST LIKE
PLANTS AND
TREES,

WE HAVE THE
POWER TO
GROW SEEDS
AND GET UP
AFTER WE ARE
DEFEATED.

BY
COMBINING
EACH ONE'S
STRENGTH,
FLOWERS
CAN BLOOM,

AND TREES
BECOME
A FOREST.

AND
ONCE
MORE,

WE WILL BE
SHOWERED
WITH KAAVI'S
BLESSINGS.

LET'S
PROTECT
EVERYONE
FOREVER.

YOU AND ME,

RIGHT...
IT'S MY DUTY
TO GUIDE,
AS QUEEN

AND
KEEP
IT,

OUR
PROMISE

A black and white manga panel showing a group of characters in a field. On the left, a small, dark, winged creature stands. Next to it is a tall, slender figure in a long coat. In the center, a character with long, flowing hair and a flower on their chest stands. To their right, a character with dark hair is crouching. On the far right, a large, winged figure with long hair is partially visible. The background is a field of tall grass or reeds.

YOU
SWORE TO
RECLAIM YOUR
FATHERLAND.
IT'S THE SAME
FOR YOU...

ACHEA...

A black and white manga panel featuring a close-up of a character's face. The character has long, light-colored hair and is looking slightly to the side with a faint, enigmatic smile. The panel is split horizontally, with the top half showing the character's face and the bottom half showing a character's face looking up at them.

THE ROAD
YOU'RE WALKING
IS BY NO MEANS
AN EASY ONE.

IT WILL
BE A HARD,
THORNY ROAD
WITH NO
VISIBLE
END.



GO,
ACHEM!



YOU
HAVE TO
CHANGE
IT BY
YOURSELF!

YOUR FUTURE
IS NOT TO BE
CHANGED BY
ANYONE.



WHEN YOU WILL
VISIT US AGAIN,
AS QUEEN
OF PLAZARI...

THEN THE
TIME WILL
COME



AND THIS
COUNTRY...



AS
VAPEL BIJI
USED TO
BE!

LUSH AND
GREEN,







IT'S NICE TO
RETURN TO BEING
A KID SOMETIMES!



AHAHA,
THAT'S
BECAUSE
YOURS IS
TOO SLIM,
SEE?

BUT THIS
ONE IS A BIT
DIFFERENT
FROM YOURS,
WISE...

I SEE,
SO THIS
IS A
SNOWMAN
HELP

TM can't read the scribbles Oh



LOOK
AT THIS,
TOWA

EVEN SO,
AS EXPECTED
FROM A
SHICKON-
HOUJII...



FUJIBARI
IS IN A
MOUNTAIN
HELL!

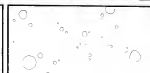
IT'S AMAZING
THAT THE WEATHER
COULD CHANGE
IN THE ENTIRE
COUNTRY!



THAT
GIRL...

WHAT
DO YOU
KNOW?

FUJIBARI
IS WHERE
I BELONG.



COLD SNOW IS
COVERING THIS
BLOOD-OGRECHED
SOIL.

WHERE FUJIBARI
WAS ONCE THE
CENTER OF
THIS REGION



THE ONLY
PLACE
IMPORTANT
TO ME



HAHA,
WELL THEN,
TAKE CARE.

DON'T EVEN
HAVE A
PLACE TO
RETURN TO.

WE,
ZIGG VOSSEL...













ONE...



NO,
THERE'S JUST
SOMETHING
WE WANT
TO KNOW

IS
SOMETHING
AMISS?

THE
THREATS
FROM
DIED YOURS,
AN HONOUR



AH,
YOU LOOK
WELL.



AND ABOUT
THE REAL
SUCCESSOR
OF THIS
COUNTRY...

ABOUT THE
SHIKKOU-
HOWOU
YOU LET
ESCAPE,

BY
THE
WAY,

OH,
THANK
YOU!

I'D LIKE
SOME HOT
MILK TEA.

WELL,
LET'S GO
TAKE A
SEAT...

WHAT...

WOULD
THAT BE?

INSPECTORS,
FROM BOEL
GARDEN...

THOSE
WOULD
BE

IT SEEMS
YOU ALL
DON'T KNOW
EACH OTHER.

THOSE TWO
WE JUST
PASSED...

WHO
ARE
THEY?



I CAN'T
REALLY
REMEMBER
THEM ALL!

HMM,
IT'S BECAUSE
THERE'S A LOT
OF WEIRDLY
OBSESSED
PEOPLES IN
EDEL GARDEN.



YES



ALRIGHT!
I'D BE HAPPY
IF YOU'D GET
US SOME
CAKE,
TOO.

I SEE..
THEN I SHALL
PREPARE YOUR
GUESTROOMS.

Y-YES..



WE MIGHT
GET IN SOME
REAL TROUBLE.

IF MY HUNCH
TURNS OUT
TO BE RIGHT,



ACHEA
IS MINE.

I
WON'T LET
ANYONE
TOUCH
HER!



WE
NEED
TO LET
HIM
KNOW.

OF COURSE
WE'LL HAVE
TO MAKE A
MOVE AS
WELL.



AND ONE
MORE
THING...

DA-SCANS

CHAPTER 23

TRANSLATOR
KENNETH _JUN

CLEANER
DEADONIC

TYPESETTER
DEADONIC

PROOFREADER
NORRA





THE PRINCESS,
ACMEA, DEJECTED
WITH HER FATHER'S
DEED SAID AND
FLED THE COUNTRY
WITH BITTER
FEELINGS.

A CONSPIRACY
BETWEEN THE
POWERFUL DOEL
GARDEN AND THE
REBELLION OF
NAUSAN LEFT
FUMAGEL WITHOUT
A RULER, AFTER
THE KING WAS
MURDERED.



BUT WHEN SHE
FAILED THE
CEREMONY, THE
COUNTRY WAS
AT THE VERGE
OF RUIN AND
DANGER FELL
UPON THEM.



AMONG THE
FRIENDLY
NATIONS,
WHERE SHE
SEARCHED FOR
SUPPORT, SHE
FOUND NEW
FRIENDS AND
SUPPORTERS.



TOGETHER
WITH HER
FRIENDS, ACMEA
TRAVELED THE
CONTINENT
TO REBUILD
HER COUNTRY.



HEAVILY WOUNDED,
THE PARTY NOW
ARRIVED AT A
NEW ROAD.